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HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Monday, February 10, 2014

Minutes of the Meeting

TOUR: A guided tour of the new senior center was led by the human services director and Sue Hannigan. A brief question and answer session followed.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Sue Stack, Chairman at 6:40 P.M.

PRESENT: Yale Cantor, Sue Stack, Sue Hannigan, Helen Filloramo, Anne Nickerson, Richard Petrucci, Teresa Cavanagh, Hocine Baouche.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned (H. Filloramo), Seconded (R. Petrucci) and passed by those present to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2014 meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The AARP Tax Preparation Program is being housed at the Human Services' Community Room for the month of February. Telephone and additional internet service to the senior center building is expected to be online by the end of this week. When dealing with three different service vendors it is not always easy to communicate your needs in a timely manner.

SENIOR CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: The committee has ordered the Tree of Life to be delivered to the senior center. It should arrive and be ready for viewing for the April open house. The Commission had a discussion whether or not to disband the Senior Center Steering Committee (SCSC) that led to a motion:

Motioned (H. Baouche), Seconded (A. Nickerson) to disband the Senior Center Steering Committee as they have met their purpose. Motion was unanimously defeated by those present.

It was then agreed upon to continue this discussion at the March meeting with a plan for the April meeting to come up with a final financial accounting of monies raised and expended by the SCSC before any further action is taken. The Commission will also look at future fundraising committees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Agency funding requests have begun arriving and the director and staff will begin formulating the 2014-2015 budget and putting the packets together. Emphasis will be on the senior center budget. These will be estimates as it will take about two to three years before we can get a realistic picture of expenditures, especially utilities and program participation.

NEW BUSINESS: Melinda Ferry, chairwoman has resigned from the commission to become a newly elected member of the Board of Selectmen. Melinda will become our liaison from the Board of Selectmen.

We have also asked the Board of Finance if they would appoint a liaison to the human services/senior center. This process would aid in the preparation of the budget and at the same time the liaison would provide some insight into the board's thought process on the budget.

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned (H. Baouche), Seconded (S. Hannigan) and passed by all those present to adjourn at 7:05 P.M.

Submitted by,

Assisted by,

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Teresa Cavanagh
Recorder